

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 2 of the specification, in line 2 after "power IC s.", please insert the following paragraphs:

A switching module having a power MOSFET, a current sensor and a temperature sensor is described, for example, in the Data Sheet of the Component BTS 443 P, dated January 23, 2001 of Infineon Technologies AG, Munich.

A switching module having a semiconductor switch and an overtemperature protection circuit as well as an overcurrent protection circuit for the semiconductor switch is also described in U.S. Patent No. 5,187,632.